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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael Flanagan, State Superintendent 

SUBJECT: Approval of Criteria for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

To promote fresh fruit and vegetable consumption among school children, the Child Nutrition and Women, Infants and Children, Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-265) authorized the United States Department of Agriculture to fund a Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) grant.

It is expected that approximately \$163 million will fund the 2012-2013 FFVP grant in all 50 states as part of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008. With the USDA formula, it is anticipated that approximately 64,000 Michigan elementary school-aged children will participate in the FFVP.

The criteria being used for school selection will ensure that underserved schools and students will participate in the FFVP.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the Criteria for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program grant, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 22, 2013.

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Criteria for Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

The State Board of Education has adopted as its goal "Continue developing an effective and equitable performance-based system that achieves academic growth and successful outcomes for all students."

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will serve to further attain the above goal.

PRIORITIES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) supports the Board's goal of achieving successful outcomes for all students by providing healthy fresh fruit and vegetable snacks free of charge to students in the FFVP schools.

PURPOSE / BACKGROUND OF GRANT

☒ Competitive ☐ Formula ☐ New ☐ Continuation

To promote fresh fruit and vegetable consumption among school children, the Child Nutrition and Women, Infants and Children Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-265) authorized the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to fund a FFVP grant.

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, also known as the Farm Bill, became law on May 22, 2008 (P.L. 100-234). Section 4304 of P.L. 110-234 amended the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) by adding section 19, the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.

The USDA provides federal funds to promote fresh fruit and vegetable consumption among elementary school children. Schools must serve fresh fruits and vegetables free to all enrolled children in one or more designated areas daily and must publicize fresh fruit and vegetable availability within the school.

Evidence shows that physical activity and a nutritious diet are associated with improvements in learning ability, behavior and academic performance.

CRITERIA

Date criteria were last approved 3/17/2009

☒ Defined in Statute ☐ Defined in Department's Approved Grant Application to the Funder ☐ Proposed by Staff

The main criteria upon which subgrantees will be selected are the following:

- Only elementary schools may participate in the program.
- Selected schools must also operate the National School Lunch Program.
- Each school must submit an application for participation.
- Each selected school must have 50 percent or more of its students eligible for free/reduced price meals.
- Total enrollment of all schools selected in the State must result in a per-student allocation of \$50 to \$75 per year.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS / TARGET POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY GRANT

Eligible applicants are elementary schools currently participating in the National School Lunch Program that have 50 percent or more of their students eligible for free/reduced price meals. The target population is the students in attendance at these schools.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

SY 2012-2013: \$4,166,727

STATUTE

Authorizing Statute: National School Lunch Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1769.
http://www.schoolnutrition.org/uploadedFiles_old/ASFSA/childnutrition/govtaffairs/nsla.pdf

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